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# UTAH FIRE AND LIFE

## Utah Great ShakeOut April 17, 2012 & New Name, Same Game

Utah Division of Homeland Security changes its name to the Utah Division of Emergency Management.

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## Community Emergency Preparedness Team

CERT training materials are available and there is more for Fire Corps!

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## New Faces at OSFM

Brent Halladay has been named as the new State Fire Marshal for the Utah Office of the State Fire Marshal. Brent was the Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal.

Coy Porter, previously of the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy and Provo Fire is the new Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal.

## Donations for Firefighters

Duracell batteries has a campaign to support volunteer firefighters with the purchase of specially marked batteries. New song "Thank You" to firefighters part of the campaign.

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## Fire Corps Update

New Fire Corps in Utah and web-based training opportunities.

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## Ready, Set, Go!

More on the program from Dean Hunt, Layton City Fire Marshal and Utah NFPA Education Network Representative.

"Two years ago we watched as firefighters in Australia battled the most devastating wild fires they had ever seen."

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## USFA Restaurant Building Fires Special Report

Most restaurant fires are cooking related but most are small, confined fires with limited damages.

When it's a larger fire, electrical malfunctions lead the way.

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## UFLSEA Save these Dates

June 29 UFLSEA Semi-Annual State Mtg

September 10 State Fair

November 8 – 10 Utah FLSE Conference

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## Flooding Concerns

As many areas of Utah prepare for more flooding, brush up on flood fire safety awareness from USFA and flood safety from NFPA and Be Ready Utah.

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## Safe Kids Week

There is a Safe Kids Week event near you.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



[EMS Week May 15 – 21](#)

United States Fire Administration

## Working Together to Extinguish Serial Arson

National Arson Awareness Week

May 1-7, 2011



## Great ShakeOut & Preparedness



The Great Utah ShakeOut will be April 17, 2012!

Utah Division of Homeland Security, as of May 10, is the Utah Division of Emergency Management (the acronym is said Utah dee – ee – em). This is a change of name and not change of game. The name reflects their primary mission of emergency management. Ideally, this will reduce the number of calls for homeland security and terrorist threat type tips. (Other agencies handle these matters.) Note: If your emergency-related documents reference Utah Homeland Security, it is time to update your plans!

Watch <http://www.bereadyutah.org/> for Utah ShakeOut information. They are working to get one million residents of Utah to practice an earthquake drill April 17, 2012. Schools, businesses, CERTs, families – everyone is encouraged to participate. This will give fire departments time to work with your emergency preparedness partners to prepare your jurisdiction.

## CERT Training Materials

The new CERT training materials are available. Yeah! Contact your Regional Citizen Corps Director or download them from [http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/training\\_mat.shtm](http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/training_mat.shtm). Besides the updated basic training, six supplemental training modules will be added as they are finished. Watch for my favorites – Incident Command Structure and Firefighter Rehab!

A note to the CERT Rehab training. Firefighter Rehab is a great Fire Corps day-to-day initiative. This should be an excellent initial training for your Fire Corps team. Many cities in Utah have needed to use CERT volunteers to staff rehab areas at recent incidents. Consider a multi-day, physically demanding incident where you need to excavate houses damaged by a mudslide, or if you had a multi-location event such as assisting search and rescue teams on a large man-hunt. Do not forget that the Red Cross also provides canteen services when your event is going to run longer than your Fire Corps Rehab team can support and work with your CERT team!

## USFA Restaurant Building Fires Report

The United States Fire Administration issued a special report concerning restaurant building fires. View the report at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/statistics/v12i1.pdf> According to the report:

- The leading cause of all restaurant building fires is cooking at 59 percent and nearly all of these cooking fires (91 percent) are small, confined fires with limited damage.
- While cooking is the leading cause of all restaurant building fires as well as the smaller, confined restaurant building fires, electrical malfunction is the leading cause of the larger, nonconfined restaurant building fires.
- Smoke alarms were reported as present in 44 percent of nonconfined restaurant building fires. Full or partial automatic extinguishment systems, mainly sprinklers, were present in 47 percent of nonconfined restaurant building fires.

# Ready, Set, Go! Have You Joined?

Two years ago we watched as firefighters in Australia battled the most devastating wild fires that they had ever seen. These fires destroyed numerous homes and took the lives of hundreds of people, many because they simply waited too long to evacuate and got trapped. Australia had a program of stay and defend in their wild land urban interface areas. Many fire service agencies here in the U. S. were looking very seriously at their programs until these wildfires of 2009 occurred.

The International Fire Chiefs (IAFC) in partnership with Firewise Communities Program (NFPA), The Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS), United States Department of the Interior (DOI), United States Fire Administration (USFA), and the United States Forest Service (USFS) have developed and officially rolled out the "Ready, Set, Go" Program. This program was officially announced at the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) 2011 Conference in Reno Nevada on March 30, 2011.

Last year Sandy City Fire Department spent the last year as one of nine agencies from across the nation to pilot the program. This program is a Fire and Life Safety program that connects the local fire department to the community. The Firewise Communities and Utah Living with Fire programs are community based programs. Ready, Set Go! is the local fire departments part in both of these programs.

"Ready, Set, Go! provides fire departments and other public-safety agencies with the tools, resources and guidance necessary to deliver the wildland fire safety message to individuals at the local level (IAFC, 2011)."

Ready, Set, Go! is a three step process that teaches the homeowners in the wildland urban interface areas to develop their own plan of action in preparing their homes and property, to be aware of the situation in the event of a fire and to leave early in the fire to increase their home and personal survivability.

"The three-step process is easy to remember and implement:

**Ready** – Take personal responsibility and prepare long before the threat of a wildland fire so your home is ready in case of a fire. Create defensible space by clearing brush away from your home. Use fire-resistant landscaping and harden your home with fire-safe construction measures. Assemble emergency supplies and belongings in a safe spot. Plan escapes routes. Make sure all those residing within the home know the plan of action.

**Set – Act immediately.** Pack your vehicle with your emergency items. Stay aware of the latest news and information on the fire from local media and your local fire department.

**Go – Leave early!** Follow your personal action plan. Doing so will not only support your safety, but will allow firefighters to best maneuver resources to combat the fire (IAFC, 2011)."

This is a great program and there are many resources available for you on the Ready, Set, Go! website at <http://www.wildlandfirersg.org/index.cfm>. Go to the website and join as a Ready, Set, Go! Department. Now is the time to begin preparing for the fast approaching fire season. Are you ready?

"Ready, Set, Go! is a three step process that teaches the homeowner... to develop their own plan of action."

## References

IAFC. (2011, March 30). Ready, Set, Go! Wildland Fire Program Now Available to All Fire Departments. *NEWS RELEASE, International Association of Fire Chiefs*. Fairfax, Virginia, U. S. A.: International Association of Fire Chiefs.

## Fire Corps

Congratulations to Sunset Fire Department for starting a Fire Corps!

National Fire Corps now has an online training academy. Web-based live classes fill quickly so register early! <http://www.firecorps.org/academy>. More training modules will be added during the year.





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Our mission is to identify, develop, and promote ways and means of protecting life and property from fire-related perils through direct action and coordination of Utah Fire Services.

*Utah Fire and Life* is an electronic newsletter dedicated to sharing information, resources, and news with the fire and life safety educators in Utah and our friends across the country.

The first electronic edition was published October 2008 as the *Utah Public Fire Educator*. Past editions can be downloaded at no cost at <http://publicsafety.utah.gov/firemarshal/newsletter.html>

The Utah Office of the State Fire Marshal provides this newsletter through their outreach efforts. Any comments and questions may be directed to Monica Colby at the contact information to the left.

# Utah Fire and Life Safety Education Association Dates

## Utah Fire and Life Safety Education Association (UFLSEA) Semi-Annual State Meeting

June 29, 2011. 9 AM training, break for lunch, 1:00 PM business meeting. Salt Lake County.

## State Fair September 10, 2011

Fire safety, home fire sprinkler demonstrations, fun interaction with people, free entrance to the fair, thank you gifts. Shifts between 8:00 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

## Utah FLSE Conference November 8 – 10, 2011, sunny St George, Utah

UFLSEA [website](#) will update with more information as the committee moves forward with the conference plans. We are expecting the registration to be \$200 and the hotel conference rates will be \$70/\$80 one bed/ two beds.



# Flood Social Media Links Flood Safety and Flood Fire Safety

The Utah PIO Association has compiled a list of Twitter and Facebook links that could related to flooding. Here are a few of the state links

## State agencies

Governor Gary Herbert

Twitter: [@governorherbert](https://twitter.com/governorherbert)

Utah Department of Community and Culture

Twitter: [@utahdccpio](https://twitter.com/utahdccpio)

Utah Department of Health

Twitter: [@UtahDepofHealth](https://twitter.com/UtahDepofHealth)

Utah Department of Natural Resources

Twitter: [@tkikuchi](https://twitter.com/tkikuchi)  
[Facebook.com/utahdnr](https://www.facebook.com/utahdnr)

Utah Department of Public Safety

Twitter: [@utdpspio](https://twitter.com/utdpspio)

Utah Department of Transportation

Main Twitter: [@UtahDOT](https://twitter.com/UtahDOT)  
[Facebook.com/utahdot](https://www.facebook.com/utahdot)

Utah Division of Emergency Management

Twitter: [@bereadyutah](https://twitter.com/bereadyutah), [@utahemergency](https://twitter.com/utahemergency), [@utahshakeout](https://twitter.com/utahshakeout)  
[Facebook.com/bereadyutah](https://www.facebook.com/bereadyutah)

Utah National Guard

Twitter: [@UTNationalGuard](https://twitter.com/UTNationalGuard)  
[Facebook.com/utahnationalguard](https://www.facebook.com/utahnationalguard)

Utah Transit Authority

Twitter: [@rideuta](https://twitter.com/rideuta)  
[Facebook.com/RideUTA](https://www.facebook.com/RideUTA)

The USFA has information on flood fire safety at [http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/home\\_fire\\_prev/flood.shtm](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/home_fire_prev/flood.shtm).

NFPA has a quick overview about responding to flooding at <http://www.nfpa.org/itemDetail.asp?categoryID=1783&itemID=42369&URL=Safety%20Information/For%20consumers/Emergency%20preparedness/Natural%20disasters/Floods>.

Be Ready Utah has flood information at <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/slc/wxsafety/flood/floodsafetyawarenesspreparedness.html>. Check out the Spring Hydrologic Outlook update from Brian McInerney with NOAA. His briefings are excellent.



## Duracell Donations

When people purchase specially marked Duracell batteries and enter a code online, a donation is made to the volunteer fire department of their choice. Learn more at the campaign's website at <http://www.duracell.com/en-US/power-those-who-protect-us/about.aspx>. View a video about the new campaign song, depending on your department's internet filters, at Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/duracell> or YouTube [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3oviUOyBMZQ&feature=channel\\_video\\_title](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3oviUOyBMZQ&feature=channel_video_title)

